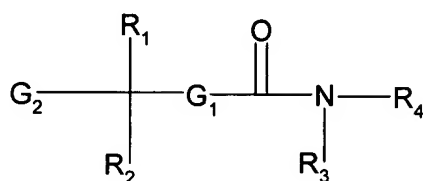


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A compound of Formula (I):



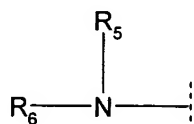
(I)

wherein

G_1 is $(\text{CH}_2)_k$, where k is 0 to 3;

G_2 is

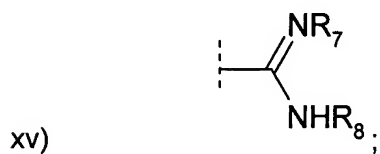
- a) hydrogen
- b) - C_{1-6} alkyl;
- c) -aryl;
- d) - C_{1-6} alkylaryl;
- e)



where R_5 and R_6 are independently selected from the group consisting of

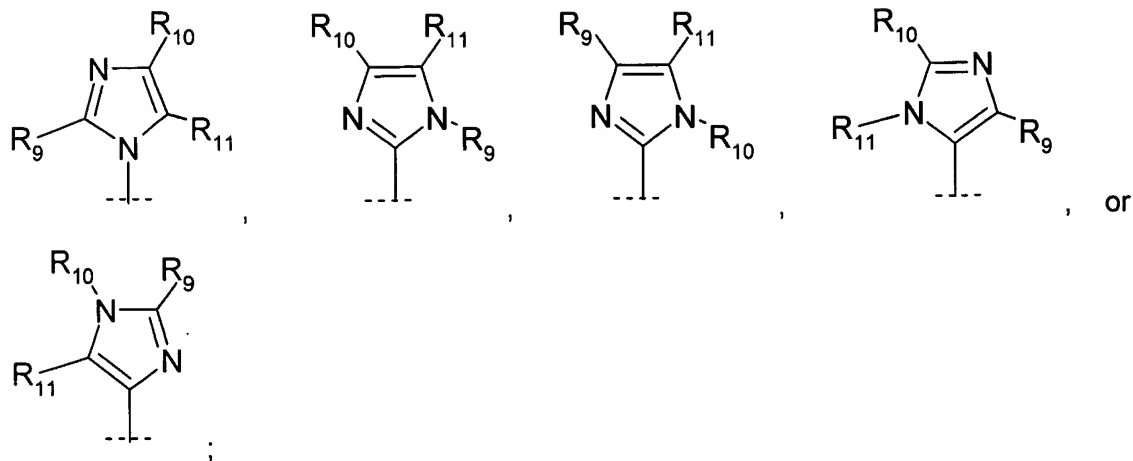
- i) -H;
- ii) - C_{1-6} alkyl;

- iii) -aryl;
- iv) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- v) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- vi) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- vii) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkylcycloalkylaryl;
- viii) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- ix) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- x) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- xi) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- xii) -SO₂-aryl;
- xiii) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- xiv) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;



- xvi) -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and
- xvii) -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or

f) a group of the formula



wherein

R_9 , R_{10} , and R_{11} are independently selected from the group consisting of

- i) -hydrogen;
- ii) - C_{1-6} alkyl;
- iii) -aryl;
- iv) - C_{1-6} alkylaryl;
- v) -C(O)-O- C_{1-6} alkyl;
- vi) -C(O)-O- C_{1-6} alkylaryl;
- vii) -C(O)-NH- C_{1-6} alkyl;
- viii) -C(O)-NH- C_{1-6} alkylaryl;
- ix) -SO₂- C_{1-6} alkyl;
- x) -SO₂- C_{1-6} alkylaryl;
- xi) -SO₂-aryl;
- xii) -SO₂-NH- C_{1-6} alkyl;
- xiii) -SO₂-NH- C_{1-6} alkylaryl;
- xiv) -C(O)- C_{1-6} alkyl; and
- xv) -C(O)- C_{1-6} alkylaryl; or

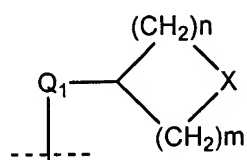
R_{10} and R_{11} are taken together to constitute a fused cycloalkyl, fused heterocyclyl, or fused aryl ring containing the atoms to which R_{10} and R_{11} are bonded;

R_1 is

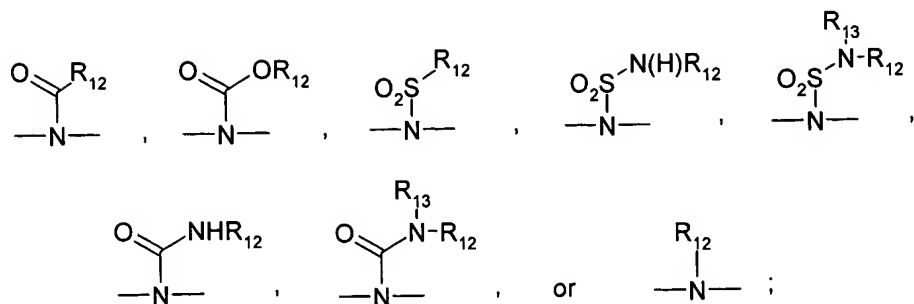
- a) hydrogen;
- b) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- c) $-aryl$; or
- d) $-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;

R_2 is

- a) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- b) $-aryl$;
- c) $-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl; or
- d) a group of the formula



wherein m and n are independently selected from 1, 2, 3, or 4; X is a direct bond, CH_2- , $-O-$, $-S-$, $-S(O_2)-$, $-C(O)-$, $-CON(H)-$, $-NHC(O)-$, $-NHCON(H)-$, $-NHSO_2-$, $-SO_2N(H)-$, $-C(O)-O-$, $-O-C(O)-$, $-NHSO_2NH-$,

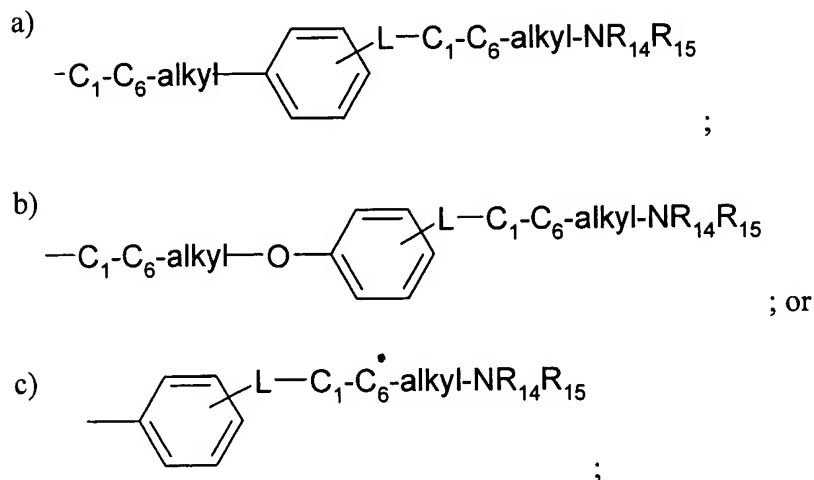


-Q₁- is C₁₋₆ alkylene, C₂₋₆ alkenylene, or C₂₋₆ alkynylene;

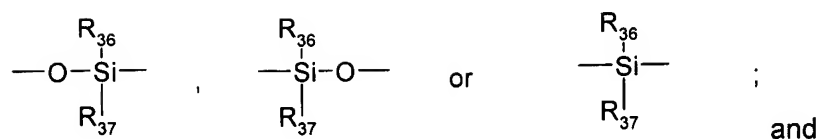
R₃ is

- a) hydrogen;
- b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- c) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or
- d) -C₁₋₆ alkoxyaryl;

R₄ is



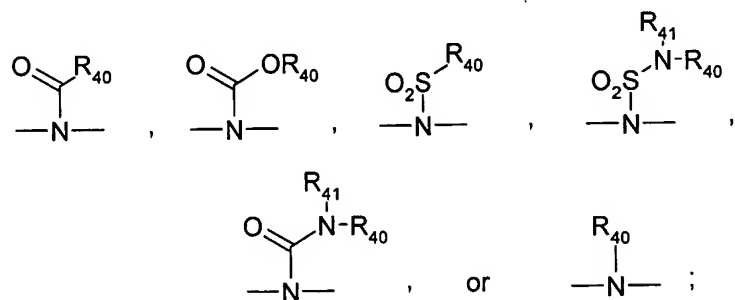
wherein L is -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



R_{36} and R_{37} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkylaryl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxy, and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxyaryl

R_{12} and R_{13} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkylaryl, and aryl;

R_7 and R_8 are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkylaryl, and aryl; or R_7 and R_8 are taken together to form a ring having the formula $-(\text{CH}_2)_o\text{-Z}'\text{-(CH}_2)_p\text{-}$ bonded to the atoms to which R_7 and R_8 are attached, wherein o' and p' are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z' is a direct bond, $-\text{CH}_2\text{-}$, $-\text{O-}$, $-\text{S-}$, $-\text{S}(\text{O}_2)\text{-}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{-}$, $-\text{CON}(\text{H})\text{-}$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})\text{-}$, $-\text{NHCON}(\text{H})\text{-}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{-}$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{H})\text{-}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{-O-}$, $-\text{O-C}(\text{O})\text{-}$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{NH-}$,



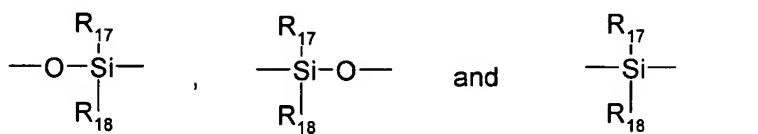
R_{40} and R_{41} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkylaryl; and

wherein

the aryl and/or alkyl group(s) in R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉, R₁₀, R₁₁, R₁₂, and R₁₃ may be optionally substituted 1-4 times with a substituent group, wherein said substituent group(s) or the term substituted refers to groups:

- a) -H;
- b) -Y-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
-Y-aryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-NR₁₄R₁₅;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-W-R₁₆;

wherein Y and W are independently selected from the group consisting of -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



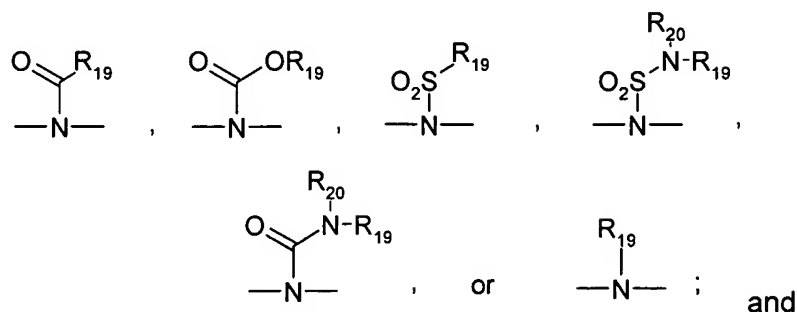
R₁₆, R₁₇, and R₁₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, and C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl; and

- c) halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, carbamoyl, and carboxyl; and

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylaryl; or

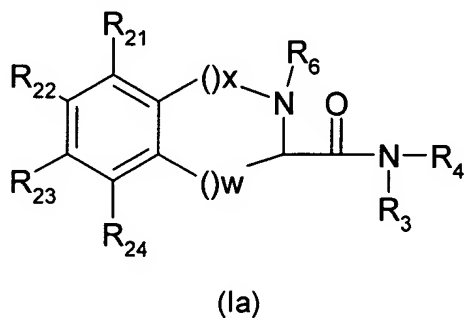
R₁₄ and R₁₅ are taken together to form a ring having the formula -(CH₂)_o-Z-(CH₂)_p- bonded to the nitrogen atom to which R₁₄ and R₁₅ are attached, wherein o and p are, independently, 1, 2,

3, or 4; Z is a direct bond, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O}_2)-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{CON}(\text{H})-$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{NHCON}(\text{H})-$, $-\text{NHSO}_2-$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{H})-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{O}-$, $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{NH}-$,

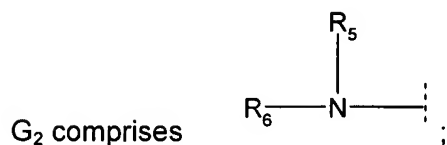


R_{19} and R_{20} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and C_1 - C_6 alkylaryl.

2. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, represented by Formula (Ia)



wherein G_1 comprises a direct bond;



R_1 comprises H;

() comprises a $-\text{CH}_2-$ group or a direct covalent bond, and x and w are independently equal to 0 to 2, with the proviso that x and w can not both be equal to 0;

R_3 comprises

- a) hydrogen;
- b) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- c) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl; or
- d) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkoxyaryl;

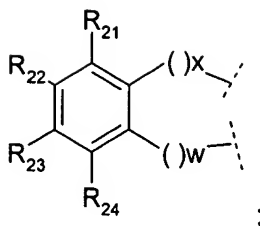
R_4 comprises

- a) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;
- b) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkoxyaryl; or
- c) $-\text{aryl}$;

R_6 comprises

- a) $-\text{H}$;
- b) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- c) $-\text{aryl}$;
- d) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl; or
- e) a group selected from $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{R}_{25}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OR}_{25}$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})\text{NR}_{26}\text{R}_{25}$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}_{25}$, and $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{NR}_{26}\text{R}_{25}$; wherein R_{25} and R_{26} independently comprise $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl, or $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;

R_5 and R_2 are taken together to form a ring of structure



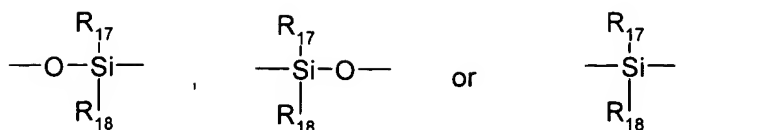
wherein R₂₁, R₂₂, R₂₃ and R₂₄ independently comprise

- i) -H;
- ii) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- iii) -aryl;
- iv) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or
- v) a group of the formula -U-R₂₇, wherein U comprises -C(O)-, -C(O)O-, -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)₂-, or -NR₂₈-,
wherein R₂₇ and R₂₈ independently comprise -H, -aryl, -C₁₋₆ alkyl, or -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;

the aryl and/or alkyl group(s) in R₃, R₄, and R₆ may be optionally substituted 1-4 times with a substituent group, wherein said substituent group(s) or the term substituted refers to groups comprising:

- a) -H;
- b) -Y-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
-Y-aryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-NR₁₄R₁₅;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-W-R₁₆;

wherein Y and W independently comprise -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHCO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHCO₂NH-, -O-CO-,

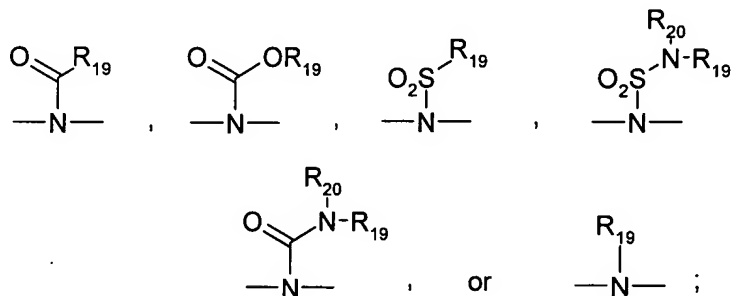


R_{16} , R_{17} , and R_{18} independently comprise hydrogen, aryl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkylaryl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxy, or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxyaryl; or

c) halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, carbamoyl, or carboxyl; and

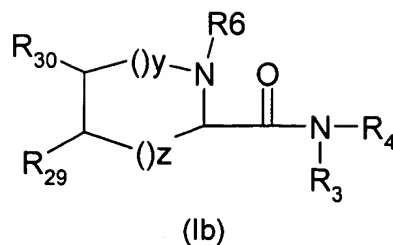
R_{14} and R_{15} independently comprise hydrogen, aryl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, and $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkylaryl; or wherein

R_{14} and R_{15} may be taken together to form a ring having the formula $-(\text{CH}_2)_o\text{-Z-(CH}_2)_p-$ bonded to the nitrogen atom to which R_{14} and R_{15} are attached, wherein o and p are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z comprises a direct bond, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O}_2)-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{CON}(\text{H})-$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{NHCON}(\text{H})-$, $-\text{NHSO}_2-$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{H})-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{O}-$, $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{NH}-$,



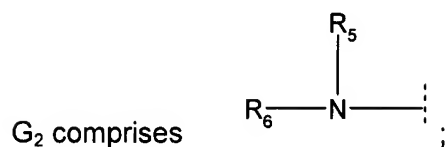
R_{19} and R_{20} comprise hydrogen, aryl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, or $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkylaryl.

3. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, represented by Formula (Ib)



wherein,

G₁ comprises a direct bond;



R₁ comprises H;

() comprises a -CH₂- group or a direct covalent bond, and y and z are, independently, an integer of from 0 to 3;

R₃ comprises

- a) hydrogen;
- b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- c) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or
- d) -C₁₋₆ alkoxyaryl;

R₄ comprises

- a) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- b) -C₁₋₆ alkoxyaryl; or
- c) -aryl;

R₆ comprises

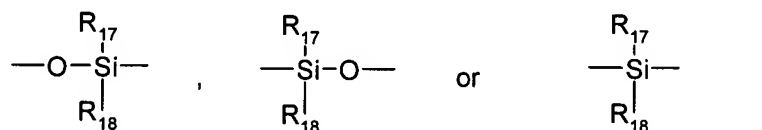
- a) -H;
- b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;

- c) -aryl;
- d) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or
- e) a group selected from -C(O)R₂₅, -C(O)OR₂₅, -C(O)NR₂₆R₂₅, -S(O)₂R₂₅, and -S(O)₂NR₂₆R₂₅; wherein R₂₅ and R₂₆ independently comprise -C₁₋₆ alkyl, aryl, or -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;

the aryl and/or alkyl group(s) in R₃, R₄, and R₆ may be optionally substituted 1-4 times with a substituent group, wherein said substituent group(s) or the term substituted refers to groups comprising:

- a) -H;
- b) -Y-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
-Y-aryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-NR₁₄R₁₅;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-W-R₁₆;

wherein Y and W independently comprise -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,

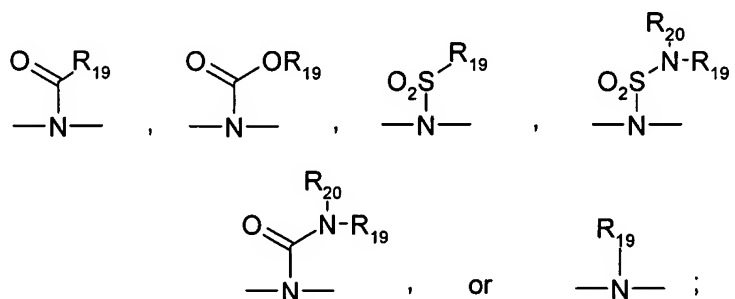


R₁₆, R₁₇, and R₁₈ comprise hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl; or

- c) halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, carbamoyl, or carboxyl; and

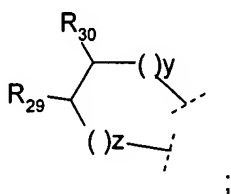
R_{14} and R_{15} independently comprise hydrogen, aryl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or C_1 - C_6 alkylaryl; and wherein

R_{14} and R_{15} may be taken together to form a ring having the formula $-(CH_2)_o-Z-(CH_2)_p-$ bonded to the nitrogen atom to which R_{14} and R_{15} are attached, wherein o and p are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z comprises a direct bond, $-CH_2-$, $-O-$, $-S-$, $-S(O_2)-$, $-C(O)-$, $-CON(H)-$, $-NHC(O)-$, $-NHCON(H)-$, $-NHSO_2-$, $-SO_2N(H)-$, $-C(O)-O-$, $-O-C(O)-$, $-NHSO_2NH-$,



R_{19} and R_{20} comprise hydrogen, aryl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or C_1 - C_6 alkylaryl;

R_5 and R_2 are taken together to form a ring of structure



wherein R_{29} and R_{30} independently comprise

- a) $-H$
- b) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- c) $-aryl$;
- d) $-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;
- e) $-C(O)-O-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- f) $-C(O)-O-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;
- g) $-C(O)-NH-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- h) $-C(O)-NH-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;

- i) $-\text{SO}_2\text{-C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- j) $-\text{SO}_2\text{-C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;
- k) $-\text{SO}_2\text{-aryl}$;
- l) $-\text{SO}_2\text{-NH-C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- m) $-\text{SO}_2\text{-NH-C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;
- n) $-\text{C(O)-C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- o) $-\text{C(O)-C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl; or
- p) a group of the formula $-\text{V-R}_{31}$,

wherein V comprises a group of the formula $-\text{C(O)}$, $-\text{OC(O)-}$, $-\text{O-}$, $-\text{S-}$, $-\text{S(O)-}$, $-\text{S(O}_2\text{)-}$, $-\text{NH-}$, or $-\text{N(R}_{32}\text{)-}$;

wherein R_{31} and R_{32} comprise

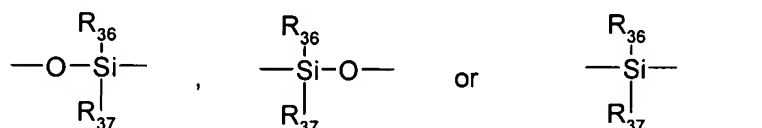
- i) $-\text{H}$
- ii) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- iii) $-\text{aryl}$;
- iv) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;
- v) $-\text{C(O)-O-C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- vi) $-\text{C(O)-O-C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;
- vii) $-\text{C(O)-NH-C}_{1-6}$ alkyl; $-\text{C(O)-NH-C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;
- viii) $-\text{SO}_2\text{-C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- ix) $-\text{SO}_2\text{-C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;
- x) $-\text{SO}_2\text{-aryl}$;
- xi) $-\text{SO}_2\text{-NH-C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- xii) $-\text{SO}_2\text{-NH-C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;
- xiii) $-\text{C(O)-C}_{1-6}$ alkyl; or
- xiv) $-\text{C(O)-C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;

wherein R_{29} , R_{30} , R_{31} , and R_{32} may be optionally substituted 1-4 times with a substituent group, wherein said substituent group(s) or the term substituted refers to groups comprising:

- a) $-\text{H}$;

- b) -L-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
-L-aryl;
-L-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
-L-C₁₋₆-alkyl-NR₃₃R₃₄;
-L-C₁₋₆ alkyl-Q₂-R₃₅;

wherein L and Q₂ independently comprise -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-,
SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -
SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,

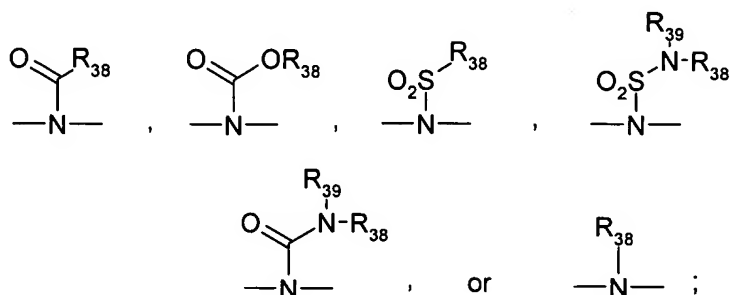


R₃₅, R₃₆, and R₃₇ comprise hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl; or

- c) halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, carbamoyl, or carboxyl; and

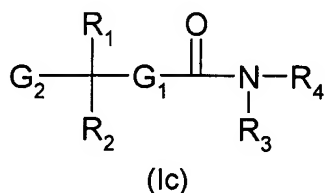
R₃₃ and R₃₄ independently comprise hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkylaryl; and wherein

R₃₃ and R₃₄ may be taken together to form a ring having the formula -(CH₂)_e-J-(CH₂)_k- bonded to the nitrogen atom to which R₃₃ and R₃₄ are attached, wherein e and k are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; J comprises a direct bond, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -S(O₂)-, -C(O)-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -NHSO₂NH-,



R₃₈ and R₃₉ comprises hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkylaryl.

4. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, represented by Formula (lc):

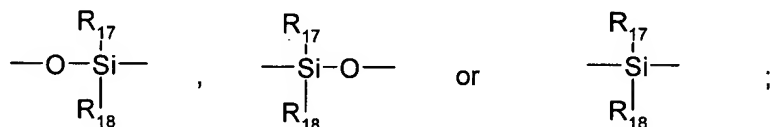


wherein,

R₁ comprises hydrogen, or C₁₋₃ alkylaryl wherein the aryl is substituted with -Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;

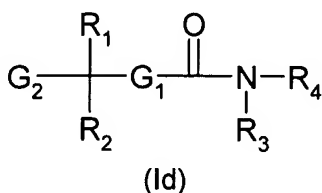
R₂ comprises C₁₋₃ alkylaryl wherein the aryl is substituted with -Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl,

wherein Y comprises -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



R₁₇, and R₁₈ independently comprises hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl.

5. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, represented by Formula (ld):

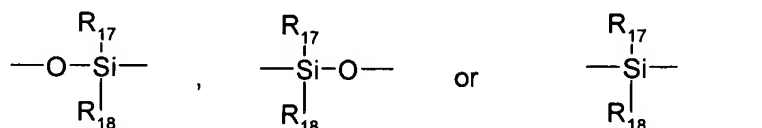


wherein,

R₁ comprises hydrogen, or C₁₋₃ alkylaryl wherein the aryl is substituted with -Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;

R₂ comprises C₁₋₃ alkylaryl wherein the aryl is substituted with -Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;

wherein Y comprises -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,

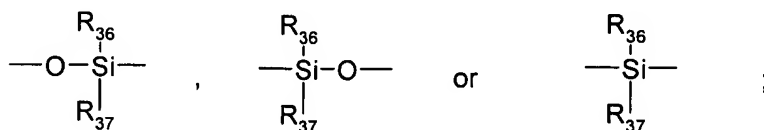


R₁₇, and R₁₈ independently comprises hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl;

R₃ comprises hydrogen or -L-C₁₋₆-alkyl-N(alkyl)₂;

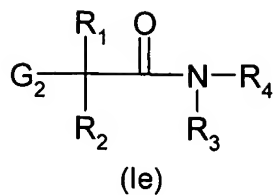
R₄ comprises -L-C₁₋₆-alkyl-N(alkyl)₂;

wherein L comprises -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



R₃₅, R₃₆, and R₃₇ independently comprise hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl.

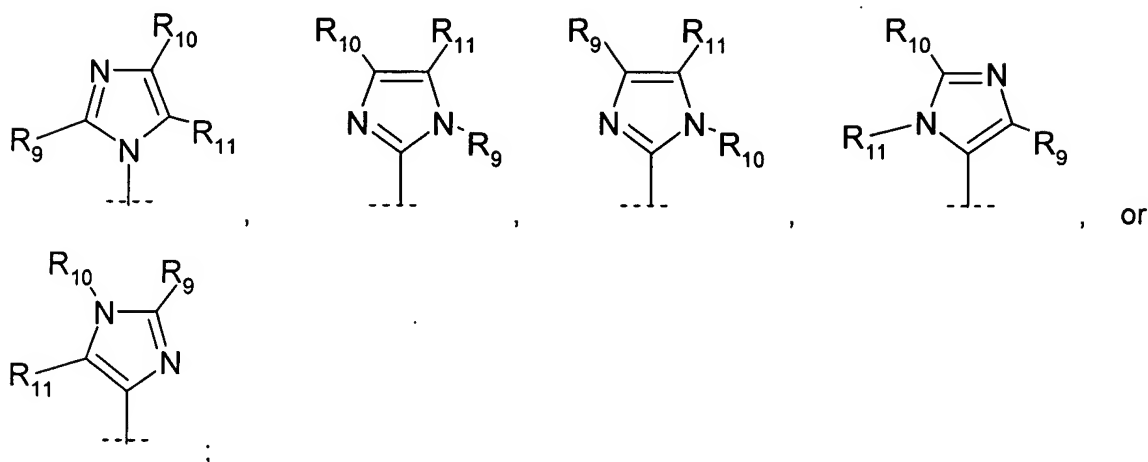
6. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, represented by Formula (Ie):



wherein,

G₁ comprises a direct bond;

G₂ comprises a group of the formula



wherein

R₉, R₁₀, and R₁₁ may be hydrogen; or

R₉, R₁₀, and R₁₁ independently comprise

- i) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- ii) -aryl;
- iii) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- iv) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- v) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- vi) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;

- vii) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- viii) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- ix) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- x) -SO₂-aryl;
- xi) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- xii) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- xiii) -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; or
- xiv) -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or

R₁₀ and R₁₁ may be taken together to constitute a fused cycloalkyl, fused heterocyclyl, or fused aryl ring containing the atoms to which R₁₀ and R₁₁ are bonded;

R₁ comprises H;

R₂ comprises

- a) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- b) -aryl; or
- c) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;

R₃ comprises

- a) hydrogen;
- b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- c) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or
- d) -C₁₋₆ alkoxyaryl;

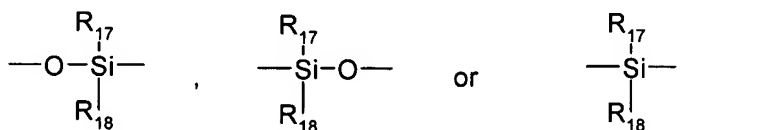
R₄ comprises

- a) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- b) -C₁₋₆ alkoxyaryl; or
- c) -aryl;

the aryl and/or alkyl group(s) in R₂, R₃, R₄, R₉, R₁₀, R₁₁ may be optionally substituted 1-4 times with a substituent group, wherein said substituent group(s) or the term substituted refers to groups comprising:

- a) -H;
- b) -Y-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
-Y-aryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-NR₁₄R₁₅;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-W-R₁₆;

wherein Y and W independently comprise -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHCO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHCO₂NH-, -O-CO-,

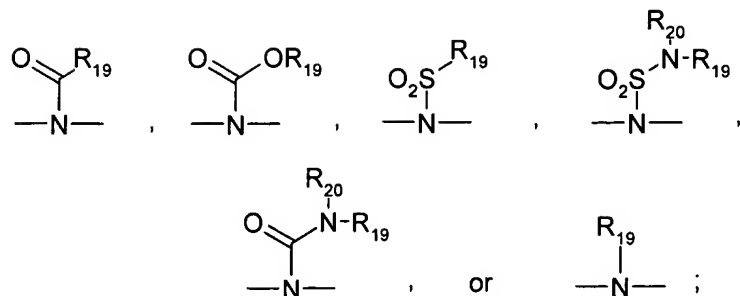


R₁₆, R₁₇, and R₁₈ comprise hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, or C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl; or

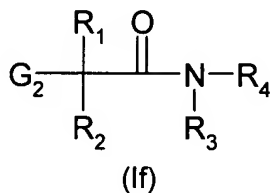
- c) halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, carbamoyl, or carboxyl; and

R₁₄ and R₁₅ independently comprise hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkylaryl; and wherein

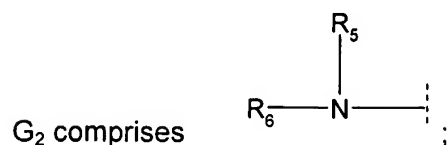
R₁₄ and R₁₅ may be taken together to form a ring having the formula -(CH₂)_o-Z-(CH₂)_p- bonded to the nitrogen atom to which R₁₄ and R₁₅ are attached, wherein o and p are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z comprises a direct bond, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -S(O₂)-, -C(O)-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHCO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -NHCO₂NH-,



7. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, represented by Formula (If):

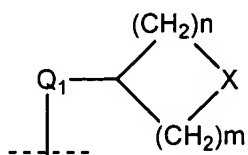


G₁ comprises a direct bond;

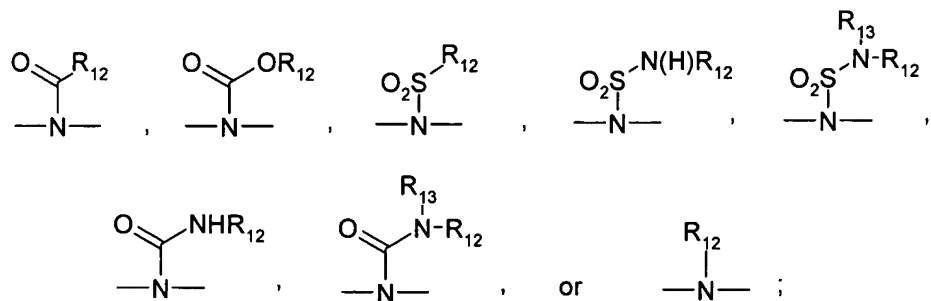


R₁ comprises H;

R₂ comprises a group of the formula



wherein m and n are independently selected from 1, 2, 3, or 4; X comprises a direct bond, CH_2 -, -O-, -S-, -S(O₂)-, -C(O)-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -NHSO₂NH-,



-Q₁- comprises C₁₋₆ alkylene, C₂₋₆ alkenylene, or C₂₋₆ alkynylene;

R₁₂ and R₁₃ independently comprises hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, or aryl;
and wherein

R₃ comprises

- hydrogen;
- C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or
- C₁₋₆ alkoxyaryl;

R₄ comprises

- C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- C₁₋₆ alkoxyaryl; or
- aryl;

R₅ and R₆ independently comprise

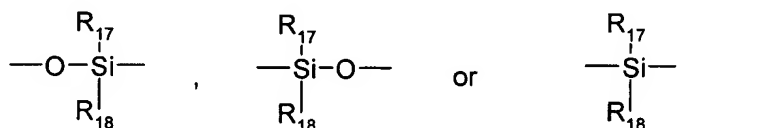
- H;

- b) $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- c) $-aryl$;
- d) $-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl; or
- e) a group selected from $-C(O)R_{25}$, $-C(O)OR_{25}$, $-C(O)NR_{26}R_{25}$, $-S(O)_2R_{25}$, and $-S(O)_2NR_{26}R_{25}$; wherein R_{25} and R_{26} independently comprise $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl, and $-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;

the aryl and/or alkyl group(s) in R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_{12} , and R_{13} may be optionally substituted 1-4 times with a substituent group, wherein said substituent group(s) or the term substituted refers to groups comprising:

- a) $-H$;
- b) $-Y-C_{1-6}$ alkyl;
 $-Y-aryl$;
 $-Y-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;
 $-Y-C_{1-6}-alkyl-NR_{14}R_{15}$;
 $-Y-C_{1-6}-alkyl-W-R_{16}$;

wherein Y and W independently comprise $-CH_2-$, $-O-$, $-N(H)-$, $-S-$, SO_2- , $-CON(H)-$, $-NHC(O)-$, $-NHCON(H)-$, $-NHSO_2-$, $-SO_2N(H)-$, $-C(O)-O-$, $-NHSO_2NH-$, $-O-CO-$,

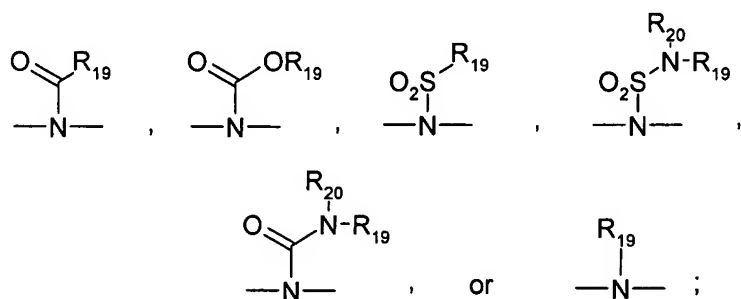


R_{16} , R_{17} , and R_{18} independently comprise hydrogen, aryl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkylaryl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, or C_1-C_6 alkoxyaryl; or

- c) halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, carbamoyl, or carboxyl; and

R₁₄ and R₁₅ independently comprises hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkylaryl; and wherein

R₁₄ and R₁₅ may be taken together to form a ring having the formula $-(CH_2)_o-Z-(CH_2)_p-$ bonded to the nitrogen atom to which R₁₄ and R₁₅ are attached, wherein o and p are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z comprises a direct bond, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -S(O₂)-, -C(O)-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -NHSO₂NH-,



R₁₉ and R₂₀ independently comprise hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, or C₁-C₆ alkylaryl.

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10. Canceled.

11. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises 3-(4-Benzyloxyphenyl)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-Diethylamino-1-propoxy)aniline Amide.

12. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 61, wherein the compound comprises 3-(3-Tert-butoxyphenyl)-3-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide.

13. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 62, wherein the compound comprises 3-(3-Tert-butoxyphenyl)-3-aminopropionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide.

14. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises 3-(4-Tetrahydropyranyl)-2-aminopropionic Acid 4-Diethylaminoethoxycarbonyl-2-butoxyaniline Amide Dihydrochloride.

15. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (2S, 4R)-4-Tert-Butoxypyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid 2,4-Di(3-diethylamino-1-propoxy)aniline Amide.

16. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (3S)-1,2,3,4-Tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylic Acid 4-Diethylaminoethoxycarbonyl-2-butoxyaniline Amide Dihydrochloride.

17. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (R)-3-(4-Benzyloxyphenyl)-2-(1-imidazolyl)propionic Acid 4-Diethylaminoethoxycarbonyl-2-butoxyaniline Amide.

18. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 61, wherein the compound comprises 3-(4-Tert-butoxyphenyl)-3-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide.

19. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 62, wherein the compound comprises 3-amino-3-(4-tert-butoxyphenyl)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide.

20. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 61, wherein the compound comprises 3-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)-3-(2-tert-butoxyphenyl)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide.

21. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 62, wherein the compound comprises 3-amino-3-(2-tert-butoxyphenyl)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide.

22. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 62, wherein the compound comprises 3-Isopropylamino-3-(3-tert-butoxyphenyl)propionic Acid 2,4-Di-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)aniline Amide.

23. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (2R)-2-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-3-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]propionic Acid 4-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)-N-benzylaniline Amide.

24. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (2R)-2-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-3-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]propionic Acid 4-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)-N-cyclopentylmethylaniline Amide.

25. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (2R)-2-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-3-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]propionic Acid 4-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)-N-isopropylaniline Amide.

26. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (2R)-2-amino-3-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]propionic Acid 4-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)-N-cyclohexylmethylaniline Amide.

27. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (2R)-2-amino-3-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]propionic Acid 4-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)-N-cyclopentylmethylaniline Amide.

28. (Original) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (2R)-2-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-3-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]propionic Acid 4-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)-N-butylaniline Amide.

29. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (2R)-2-amino-3-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]propionic Acid 4-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)-N- butylaniline Amide.

30. (Original) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (2R)-2-tert-butoxycarbonylamino-3-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]propionic Acid 3-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)-N- butylaniline Amide.

31. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises (2R)-2-amino-3-[4-(benzyloxy)phenyl]propionic Acid 3-(3-diethylaminopropoxy)-N- butylaniline Amide.

32. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises 3-(1-Tert-butoxycarbonylpiperidin-4-yl)-2-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)propionic Acid 4-Diethylaminopropoxy-2-butoxyaniline Amide.

33. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises 3-(Piperidin-4-yl)-2-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)propionic Acid 4-Diethylaminopropoxy-2-butoxyaniline Amide.

34. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises 3-(1-Benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-2-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)propionic Acid 4-Diethylaminopropoxy-2-butoxyaniline Amide.

35. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises 3-(1-Benzylpiperidin-4-yl)-2-aminopropionic Acid 4-Diethylaminopropoxy-2-butoxyaniline Amide.

36. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises 3-(1-Benzylloxycarbonylpiperidin-4-yl)-2-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)propionic Acid 4-Diethylaminopropoxy-2-butoxyaniline Amide.

37. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises 3-(1-Benzoylpiperidin-4-yl)-2-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)propionic Acid 4-Diethylaminopropoxy-2-butoxyaniline Amide.

38. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises 3-(1-Benzoylpiperidin-4-yl)-2-benzoylaminopropionic Acid 4-Diethylaminopropoxy-2-butoxyaniline Amide.

39. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises 3-(Tert-butoxycarbonylpiperidin-3-yl)-2-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)propionic Acid 4-Diethylaminopropoxy-2-butoxyaniline Amide.

40. (Withdrawn) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound comprises 3-(Piperidin-3-yl)-2-(9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonylamino)propionic Acid 4-Diethylaminopropoxy-2-butoxyaniline Amide.

41. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients, or diluents.

42. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 41, in the form of an oral dosage or parenteral dosage unit.

43. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 41, wherein said compound is administered as a dose in a range from about 0.01 to 500 mg/kg of body weight per day.

44. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 41, wherein said compound is administered as a dose in a range from about 0.1 to 200 mg/kg of body weight per day.

45. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 41, wherein said compound is administered as a dose in a range from about 0.1 to 100 mg/kg of body weight per day.

46. (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 41; further comprising one or more therapeutic agents selected from the group consisting of alkylating agents, antimetabolites, plant alkaloids, antibiotics, hormones, biologic response modifiers, analgesics, NSAIDs, DMARDs, glucocorticoids, sulfonylureas, biguanides, insulin, cholinesterase inhibitors, antipsychotics, antidepressants, and anticonvulsants.

47. (Withdrawn) A method for the inhibition of the interaction of RAGE with its physiological ligands, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof, at least one compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 1.

48. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 47, wherein the ligand(s) is(are) selected from advanced glycated end products (AGEs), S100/calgranulin/EN-RAGE, β -amyloid and amphotericin.

49. (Withdrawn) A method for treating a disease state selected from the group consisting of acute and chronic inflammation, symptoms of diabetes, vascular permeability, nephropathy, atherosclerosis, retinopathy, Alzheimer's disease, erectile dysfunction, and tumor invasion and/or metastasis, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of at least one compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 1.

50. (Withdrawn) A method of prevention and/or treatment of RAGE mediated human diseases comprising administration to a human in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formula (I) as claimed in claim 1, wherein a therapeutically effective amount comprises sufficient compound to at least partially inhibit the binding of a ligand to the RAGE receptor.

51. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 50, further comprising administering to a subject in need thereof at least one adjuvant and/or additional therapeutic agent(s).

52. (Withdrawn) A method of claim 51, wherein therapeutic agents selected from the group consisting of alkylating agents, antimetabolites, plant alkaloids, antibiotics, hormones, biologic response modifiers, analgesics, NSAIDs, DMARDs, glucocorticoids, sulfonylureas, biguanides, insulin, cholinesterase inhibitors, antipsychotics, antidepressants, and anticonvulsants.

53. (Withdrawn) The method claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises acute and/or chronic inflammation.

54. (Withdrawn) The method claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprising vascular permeability.

55. (Withdrawn) The method claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprising ephropathy.

56. (Withdrawn) The method claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises atherosclerosis.

57. (Withdrawn) The method claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprising retinopathy.

58. (Withdrawn) The method claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprising Alzheimer's disease.

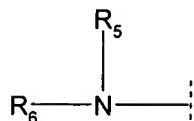
59. (Withdrawn) The method claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises erectile dysfunction.

60. (Withdrawn) The method claim 50, wherein the RAGE mediated human disease comprises tumor invasion and/or metastasis.

61. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1, wherein

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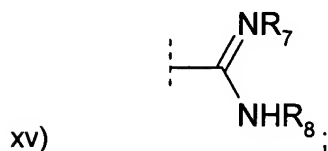
G₂ is



wherein

R₅ and R₆ are independently selected from the group consisting of

- i) -H;
- ii) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- iii) -aryl;
- iv) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- v) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- vi) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- vii) -C(O)-O-C₁₋₆ alkylcycloalkylaryl;
- viii) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- ix) -C(O)-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- x) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- xi) -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
- xii) -SO₂-aryl;
- xiii) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- xiv) -SO₂-NH-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;



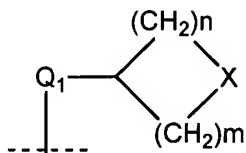
- xvi) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl; or
xvii) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;

R_1 is

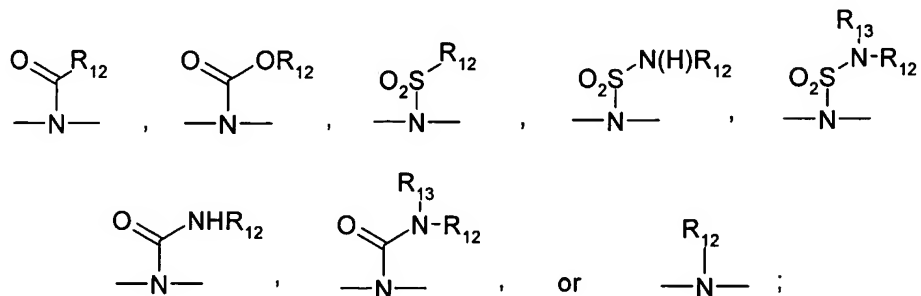
- a) hydrogen;
b) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
c) -aryl; or
d) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl;

R_2 is

- a) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;
b) -aryl;
c) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylaryl; or
d) a group of the formula



wherein m and n are independently selected from 1, 2, 3, or 4; X is a direct bond, CH_2- , $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O}_2)-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{CON}(\text{H})-$, $-\text{NHC}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{NHCON}(\text{H})-$, $-\text{NHSO}_2-$, $-\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{H})-$, $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{O}-$, $-\text{O}-\text{C}(\text{O})-$, $-\text{NHSO}_2\text{NH}-$,

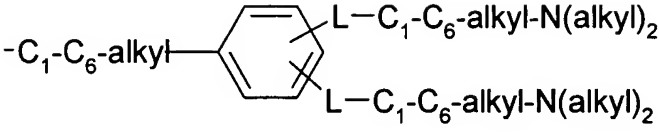
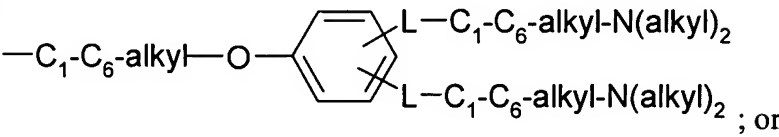
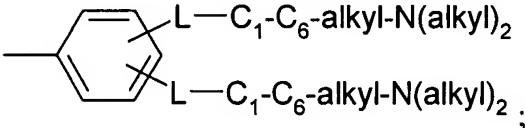


$-\text{Q}_1-$ is C_{1-6} alkylene, C_{2-6} alkenylene, or C_{2-6} alkynylene;

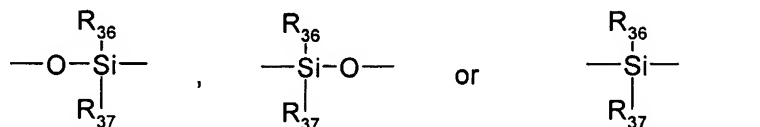
R₃ is

- a) hydrogen;
- b) -C₁₋₆ alkyl;
- c) -C₁₋₆ alkylaryl; or
- d) -C₁₋₆ alkoxyaryl;; and

R₄ is

- a)  ;
- b)  ; or
- c)  ;

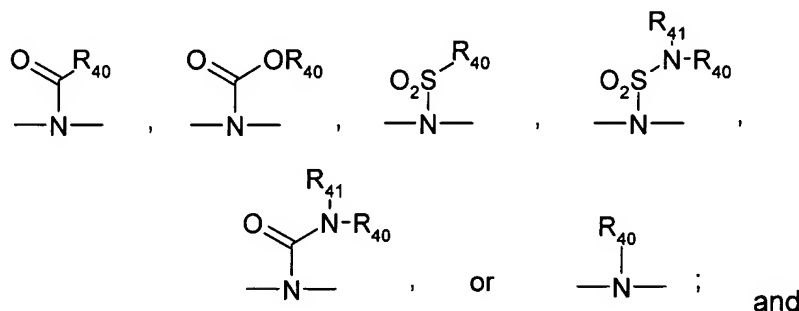
wherein L is -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



R₃₆ and R₃₇ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylaryl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, and C₁₋₆ alkoxyaryl;

R₁₂ and R₁₃ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, and aryl;

R₇ and R₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, and aryl; or R₇ and R₈ are taken together to form a ring having the formula -(CH₂)_{o'}-Z'-(CH₂)_{p'}- bonded to the atoms to which R₇ and R₈ are attached, wherein o' and p' are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z' is a direct bond, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -S(O₂)-, -C(O)-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -NHSO₂NH-,



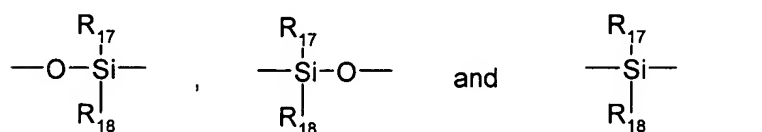
R₄₀ and R₄₁ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylaryl; and

wherein

the aryl and/or alkyl group(s) in R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₁₂ and R₁₃ may be optionally substituted 1-4 times with a substituent group, wherein said substituent group(s) or the term substituted refers to groups:

- a) -H;
- b) -Y-C₁₋₆ alkyl;
-Y-aryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-NR₁₄R₁₅;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-W-R₁₆;

wherein Y and W are independently selected from the group consisting of -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,

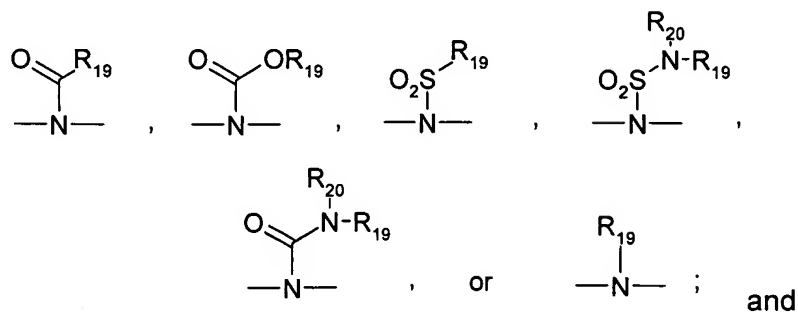


R₁₆, R₁₇, and R₁₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, and C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl; and

c) halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, carbamoyl, and carboxyl; and

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylaryl; or

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are taken together to form a ring having the formula -(CH₂)_o-Z-(CH₂)_p- bonded to the nitrogen atom to which R₁₄ and R₁₅ are attached, wherein o and p are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z is a direct bond, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -S(O₂)-, -C(O)-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -NHSO₂NH-,

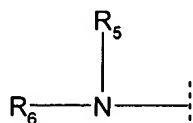


R_{19} and R_{20} are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, and C_1 - C_6 alkylaryl.

62. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 61,
wherein

G_1 is $-\text{CH}_2-$

G_2 is



wherein

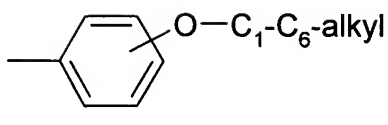
R_5 is $-\text{H}$; and

R_6 is

- i) $-\text{H}$;
- ii) $-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl; or
- iii) $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{O}-\text{C}_{1-6}$ alkylcycloalkylaryl;

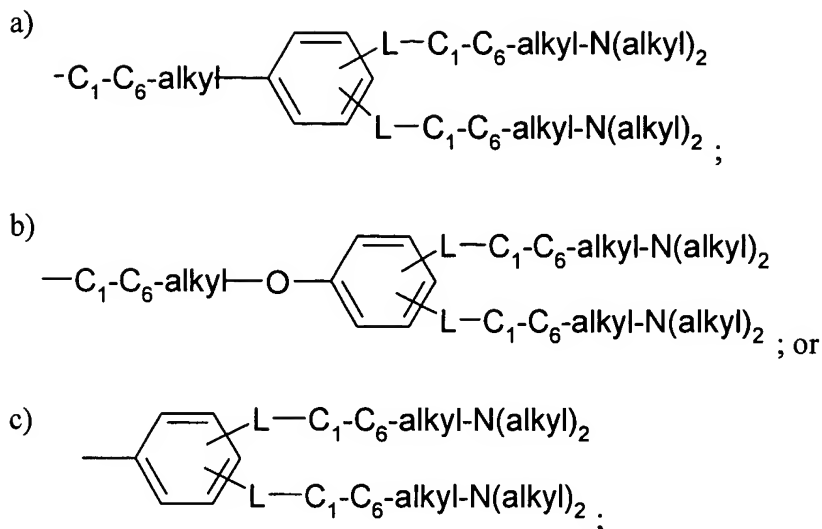
R_1 is $-\text{H}$;

R_2 is

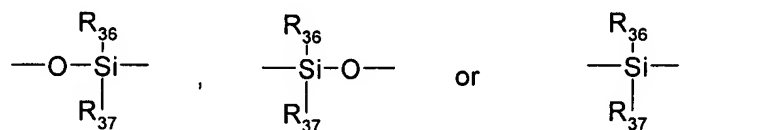


R_3 is $-\text{H}$; and

R_4 is



wherein L is -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,



R₃₆ and R₃₇ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, and C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl;

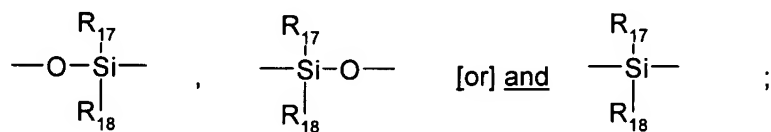
and wherein

the aryl and/or alkyl group(s) in R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₁₂ and R₁₃ may be optionally substituted 1-4 times with a substituent group, wherein said substituent group(s) or the term substituted refers to groups:

- a) -H;
- b) -Y-C₁₋₆ alkyl;

-Y-aryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆ alkylaryl;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-NR₁₄R₁₅;
-Y-C₁₋₆-alkyl-W-R₁₆;

wherein Y and W are independently selected from the group consisting of -CH₂-, -O-, -N(H)-, -S-, SO₂-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -NHSO₂NH-, -O-CO-,

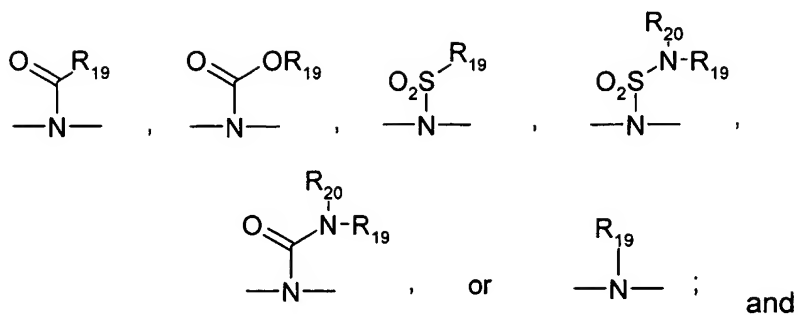


R₁₆, R₁₇, and R₁₈ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaryl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, and C₁-C₆ alkoxyaryl; and

c) halogen, hydroxyl, cyano, carbamoyl, or carboxyl; and

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylaryl; or

R₁₄ and R₁₅ are taken together to form a ring having the formula -(CH₂)_o-Z-(CH₂)_p- bonded to the nitrogen atom to which R₁₄ and R₁₅ are attached, wherein o and p are, independently, 1, 2, 3, or 4; Z is a direct bond, -CH₂-, -O-, -S-, -S(O₂)-, -C(O)-, -CON(H)-, -NHC(O)-, -NHCON(H)-, -NHSO₂-, -SO₂N(H)-, -C(O)-O-, -O-C(O)-, -NHSO₂NH-,



R₁₉ and R₂₀ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylaryl.